

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on February 13, 2025. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

The meeting was duly called to order and Chairman Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The Minutes of February 12, 2025 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Audit and approval were made for the following payrolls and claims:

General Fund: Personal Services - February Payroll \$50,157.36 Aflac \$385.51 Ameritas \$8,150.83 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBS \$10,832.64 Delta Dental \$778.38 Empower \$100.00 First Concord Benefits \$97.50 First Concord Benefits, LLC \$620.00 IRS \$15075.68 Madison National \$61.17 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,310.70 VSP \$169.71 Operating Expenses - Applied Connective \$7,100.75 ATC \$124.70 Black Hills \$952.17 Bomgaars \$9.16 CAMAS Publishing \$303.51 Chase \$1,376.37 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$878.98 K. Corder \$30.82 Criminal Addiction Inc. \$300.00 Das State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law, LLC \$914.84 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$960.00 DPPD \$780.80 C. Devries \$114.80 Elwood Chamber of Commerce \$100.00 Elwood Public Library \$944.33 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Court \$36.00 GTP \$384.87 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$100.00 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$8.50 MIPS \$1,999.08 NACO \$25.00 NE Assoc of Co Clerks, ROD, Elect \$100.00 NE State Fire Marshal \$108.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,076.55 Rasmussen \$1,515.31 Desert Snow \$1,398.00 J. Richie \$45.00 L. Swanson \$42.00 The CTK Group \$500.00 U-Save \$32.09 Village Of Elwood \$250.75 C. Vossler \$45.00 Woodward's \$70.00 Supplies - Amazon \$182.29 Applied Connective \$28.75 Aurora Coop \$1,462.63 Chase \$125.63 Dawson County Sheriff's Office \$300.00 Eakes \$869.22 Menards \$63.84 MIPS \$589.49 Nextoner \$138.00 The Red Barn \$484.00 U-Save \$273.68 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Quadient Leasing \$554.85 Capital Outlay - Amazon \$16.94 Applied Connective \$21,598.08 Platte Valley Communications \$47.50 Verizon \$240.06

Road Fund: Personal Services - February Payroll \$37,937.24 Aflac \$39.10 Ameritas \$5,580.83 BCBS \$6,985.86 Delta Dental \$460.91 First Concord Benefits, LLC \$495.00 IRS \$11,596.02 Madison National \$54.91 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,706.52 VSP \$80.08 Operating Expenses - Ag Valley Coop \$212.14 ATC \$48.25 Aurora Coop \$614.61 Baum Hydraulics \$149.44 Black Hills \$887.62 DPPD \$187.85 Gosper Co Treasurer \$10.00 K. Lehmann \$311.76 Lexington Regional Health Center \$60.00 Lofquist Welding \$1,317.60 Meridian Rentals \$298.02 Piedmont Plastics \$579.00 Platte Valley Communications \$4,569.00 Platte Valley Glass \$2,030.00 RDO \$179.38 S & W Auto Parts \$167.45 Southwest Farm & Auto \$74.98 Verizon \$133.74 Village of Elwood \$61.42 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$174.35 Aurora Coop \$1,532.94 Bauer Built \$39.00 J. Bayles \$240.00 CHS \$299.02 Hemelstrand's Inc \$10.73 Matheson \$45.73 Menards \$73.07 Meridian Rentals \$15.49 Nebraska Salt & Grain \$3,767.67 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$1,615.35 Peerless Wiping Cloth Co. \$208.38 RDO \$55.76 The Red Barn \$1,172.70 S & W Auto Parts \$179.35 U-Save \$60.42 R. Warner \$14.76 Capital Outlay - Wayne Dietz \$1,491.51 Oak Creek Engineering \$8,400.18

Register of Deeds Fund: Supplies - Redfield Direct \$1,765.84

STOP Fund: Operating Expenses - DragonEye Technology \$3,211.95

Keno/Lottery Fund: Operating Expenses - Elwood Area Foundation \$500.00 Post Prom Party \$250.00 Avery Roberts \$400.00 Lakyn Weissert \$400.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$1,897,021.69.

Calvin Devries, 4-H Educator and Lori Swanson, 4-H Assistant were present and reviewed the 2024 Annual Report.

The Board reviewed a Management Representation letter submitted by auditor, Don Wilson. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Management Representation letter. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Schedule of Findings and Responses submitted by auditor, Don Wilson. Discussion was held on finding 2024-001- 'Bidding process not in compliance' relating to the September 27, 2023, and the December 29, 2023 purchase of pickups for the Sheriff's office. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to direct County Atty. Louthan and Clerk Corder to draft and submit a response letter regarding the finding Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. Road employees are cleaning up debris from removal of the 436 Rd bridge, painting fuel and propane tanks at Smithfield and will reset the propane tank at the base due to termites.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Distress Warrant Report from the County Treasurer.
Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit. Zoning Admin. Nicole Atterberry was present, no others appeared. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 11:10 a.m. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Special Use Permit for Robert Murray to construct a commercial storage building in the agricultural district located in SE ¼ 4-8-22. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be March 12, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on March 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska to conduct a regular session and to audit claims. Claims to be audited shall be filed with the County Clerk by March 24, 2025.